



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICANT

: Maxime Ranger

INVENTION

: **Water Soluble Stabilized Self-Assembled Polyelectrolytes**

SERIAL NUMBER

: 09/877,999

FILING DATE

: June 8, 2001

EXAMINER

: Schnizer, Richard A.

GROUP ART UNIT

: 1635

OUR FILE NO.

: 2267.001

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as First Class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on 1-15-2004

[Signature]

TO:

Mail Stop: FEE Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF SEPT. 15, 2003

Sir:

In accordance with the requirements set forth in 37 CFR 1.116, and in response to the Final Office Action dated Sept. 15, 2003 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire Dec. 15, 2003, extended to Jan. 15, 2004 via Applicants' filing, contemporaneously herewith, of a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time along with the required, kindly amend the above-entitled application as follows, no new matter is added:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.